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"The Fighting Littles" to Begin Battle Tonight at 8:15

Plunkett, May Upset Family In Senior Play

FLASH: The Senior Class Play, "The Fighting Littles," is scheduled for tonight, at 8:15, with budget books being honored at the door.

When Caroline Francke penned this dramatization from Booth Tarkington's novel of the same title, little did she suspect that it would give such stimuli to Shaker's activities. But why credit Miss or Mrs. Francke with this? Look at the cast. Stepping into the major roles are Fay Plunkett as Goody, Jerry Wachs as Mr. Little, Carol Fulton as Mrs. Little, Chuck Vaughn as Norman Peel, Pat Wise as Henrietta, Don May as Ham Ellers, Shirley Wagner as Antoinette, and Jerry Gorman as Filmer. Rounding out the cast are Doris Priode, Anne Patin, Phyllis Stone, Dick Phillips, Candy Colbert, Alyce Troxell and Betty Pribble.

The setting for the production is entirely in the living room of the explosive Little family. Each big and little Little has his own conceptions of the way his life should be handled, and he will attempt anything before yielding to another big or little Little. The fireworks are set off when Papa Little discovers that all Goody's friends are "hoodlums" and that Don May —rather Ham Ellers—is the "worst hoodlum of the group." Papa Little believes that Norman is the type of boy that—the end of that episode will be furnished tonight.

A review of "The Fighting Littles" would be wholly inadequate without mention of fate-tempting Filmer. Filmer is at that tough, tough age where not to be different is worse than death. His sole objective on earth is to be a hero or villain, anything but commonplace.

Through three quick-moving acts the battling Little aggregation storms from one corner of the room to another, squabbling their way through ridiculous situations unaware of how humorous they are.

Charged with the headaches of managing this veritable clash is Mrs. Lucille Thrailkill, whose knack for directing leaves her never at a loss. Difficulties coupled with the art end of the production are being handled by Mrs. Mary Lou Motto, whose abilities in the field of art are "out of this world."

Earl Greenspun is promotion chairman, Sally Polster heads the advertising angle, Betty McAdam manages the stage properties, Virginia Miller has charge of the costumes, Marilyn Wicks handles the makeup, Bart Haggard supervises the set construction, Dorothy Hosford regulates the stage decorations, Bob Sewell controls the lighting, and Jim Watkins superintends the ushers.

If you're aching to watch a good tussle, the large auditorium is the ring; tonight is the night; 8:15, the opening bell; your budget book, a ringside seat.

Photo by Unger—Art work by Mrs. Motto

To a Friend---

We, the editors and staff of the Shakerite, wish to take this opportunity in the final publication of the school year to dedicate this issue to R. B. Patin, our sincere friend and advisor. Through his ideas and policies concerning a high school paper, we have been able to operate differently from most schools in respect to adult supervision and management. He has allowed us to manage the affairs of the Shakerite pretty much as we see fit, with a minimum of teacher control. Two years ago, through his efforts, we moved from a room in the basement up into a larger and more convenient office on the first floor, complete with new furniture and a telephone. He has always stood ready to help us, but he has never interfered with our running the paper to suit ourselves.

Because of the freedom he has given us, we have gained a richer and more valuable experience in working with the paper, more valuable because we have been able to carry through and manage the paper on our own. Therefore, in appreciation of his splendid cooperation, and in gratitude for the confidence he has placed in us, we dedicate this Shakerite to R. B. Patin.

Three Announced as First to Win Awards

Because of their individual merit, academic achievement, and general promise, Dorothy Hosford, Vic Dorer, and Bob Bissell were the first students awarded scholarships this year. Although more will undoubtedly be awarded, these three were the only announced winners when the paper went to press.

Dorothy Hosford's is a $200 scholarship for Pomona College, California. Vic Dorer's is for Case School of Applied Science; and Bob Bissell will receive a Rochester Prize Scholarship if he enters the University of Rochester (New York) next July.

Last year, eight scholarships were awarded, and in 1942, nineteen.

Canteen In Full Swing As 700 Buy Memberships

The Neetnac, Shaker's new canteen, is now in full swing. The grand opening was held on Friday, May 4, and well over four hundred Shakerites were there to start the canteen off on the right foot. The canteen is the result of months of hard work by the Canteen Committee of the Community Council, headed by Mrs. Wm. Moriarity, and by the committees set up in the junior and senior high schools. The canteen is being managed by Mr. P. T. Lorz of Cleveland Heights.

Temporary officers have been appointed for May, while the officers for the summer term will be elected later. The involved and difficult job of president went to Bill Thompson, as one more responsiblity to add to his now enormous collection. Ross Cowan was appointed vice president, Jane Casey secretary, and Harry Goodman treasurer.

Various subsidiary committees have been set up to aid in the operation of the canteen. On the Organization Committee are Al Pope and Jim Relyea, who have the complex task of organizing the shifts to work during the canteen sessions. These shifts are manned by the members and so planned that each individual will serve one afternoon and one evening every eight or nine months.

The hard-working Food Committee, consisting of Serene Harrell as chairman and Marilyn Michell, had considerable difficulty getting ammunition for the snack bar, since ice cream and soft drink dealers are unwilling to take on any new customers during the sugar shortage. However, Serene reports that hungry Shakerites can count on enough soft drinks of some kind, pretzels, potato chips, and possibly milk shakes to carry on throughout the summer.

Ted Bamberger of the Membership Committee states that in the membership drive here in the high school the week of April 23-27 approximately seven hundred canteen memberships were bought. This figure does not include those bought by students of other schools who live in Shaker Heights. The campaign here was conducted through the homerooms by the student council representatives.

The entertainment on opening night was arranged by the Music, Entertainment, and Publicity Committee, consisting of Dick Falls as chairman, aided by Doris Priode and John Richardson, with the valuable assistance of Mr. Merle Kann. This committee is attempting to arrange a schedule providing for one floor show a week at the canteen, staged by either professional or "local talent."

When all the festivities are over, the work of the Cleanup Committee, headed by Dick Martin, just begins. Dick has handled the job of securing enough mops, brooms, etc., to keep his crews busy.

The Neetnac received its name as the result of an extensive name contest carried out throughout the school and community. The contest ran for about three weeks, and numerous entries were submitted. The best few were selected by the student canteen committee, and after an assembly celebrating the opening of the canteen on May 4, the final choice as the name for Shaker's canteen was determined. The prize of a life-time membership went to Tom Peter, who submitted the winning name.

Wickenden Speaks At Commencement

On Wednesday, June 6, the senior class of 1945, 205 strong, will be officially graduated from Shaker Heights High School. A traditional program has been planned, and diplomas will be presented to the graduates by Mr. J. Hall Kellogg, President of the Shaker Heights Board of Education.

The commencement speaker will be Dr. William E. Wickenden, President of the Case School of Applied Science. The A Cappella choir will sing "The Creation," by Willy Richter, and "Jesus, Our Lord, We Adore Thee," by Will James.

Shaker's War Heroes

Gold Star Honor Roll ★ ★

Corporal Waitman C. Given Jr. was killed in Germany on March 18. A student of Duke University, he had entered the Air Forces in September of 1942, and was transferred to the Infantry last October. Corp. Given had been overseas since January. He was a member of the 1938 graduating class.

Marine Private George Szatmary, 25, was killed in action on February 26 on Iwo Jima, where he was serving with the Fourth Marine Division. Before his induction in June, 1944, Pvt. Szatmary was an employee of Thompson Aircraft Products. He had been overseas since last November.

Private First Class Kenneth L. Blodgett, who graduated from Shaker in 1937, died Saturday, April 28, in a hospital at Camp Kilmer, New Jersey, from pneumonia contracted while fighting in France with the 112th Combat Engineers. Pfc. Blodgett was among the first American troops to arrive overseas in January, 1942. He first became ill while fighting in Normandy, but returned to his outfit to fight through France and into Belgium. There he suffered a relapse and was sent to England and then to the United States.

Missing in Action ★ ★

Infantry Reconnaissance Scout Pfc. David C. Burdick has been reported missing in France since January 1. He has been overseas since last September, and previous to that he was a student of the Army Specialized Training Program at the University of Missouri. Pfc. Burdick graduated from Shaker in 1942.

ANDERSON WINS CONTEST

Lois Anderson, 11A of homeroom 108, was recently announced as the first prize winner among the eleventh grade girls in Cuyahoga County in the annual American Legion Essay Contest. Her essay was judged against the entries of hundreds of students from schools all over the county dealing with the timely and vital subject of compulsory military training.

Credit to Balazs

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Canteen Stages Grand Opening

By Alyce Troxell

Yes, it happened at last!! Our own Shaker Canteen opened its doors to four hundred anxious boys and girls on the 4th of May. From 7.30 till 12.00 loads of bobby soxers, stags, and dates dropped in for a dance, some ice cream and a coke, or a chat with others who were there—but mostly just to "look" and take it all in. It was new and different from anything we had ever had before, and a continual buzz of excitement reigned as the newcomers viewed the attractive setting of floral designed walls, a large scenic mural, light decorated furniture, a spacious dance floor, and plenty of food to the right. Yes, together with the lovely artistry and delightful atmosphere, the canteen proved to be the place we have been searching for—thanks to the capable management.

Our president, Bill Thompson, dedicated a few words pertaining to the occasion, and shortly afterwards, the talented five-piece band arrived—performers direct from our Stage Door Canteen. With Jack Collins at the piano, Benny Miller and Caesar on the sax, Charles Hardy on the bass, and Pete Vincent drumming on the drums, both "hot" and "cool" music was furnished for the "jitterbuggers," "dreamers"—and listeners. In the line of music, all enjoyed Morris' and Felber's "Tea for Two" and "Hamp's Boogie Woogie." Mr. Kann, director of the Stage Door Canteen, and Jack Collins from the band also entertained us on the piano. To make it complete, Betsy Boykin sang "Embraceable You" and "Stormy Weather."

Then there was the minstrel show! Don Edleman, Vince Oliverio, Carl Himmelman, Don Wallace, Dick Rajewski, and Jay Barron, in their "darkie" attire, performed much to the satisfaction of all. They sang "Alabama Bound," and variations of the familiar tunes of the South, and told several jokes in the true southern style.

All in all, everyone enjoyed that first evening at the canteen. It's ours and it's great. Let's take advantage of it.

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"THE DOORS SWING IN"

By Barby McGuire

Thanks for the memory
Of ragroom days and dust
Pope's leftover crust
Your squeaky chair
And periods where
We sang.

How dizzy it was! And dizzy you'd be too, if during some seventh period, a hefty soul grabbed you by the collar, when you were merely wandering on your natural imbecilic way down the hall, and dragged you ruthlessly into what resembles the backroom in a western saloon, only to stand you in front of eighteen lovely, ravishing pictures of Lauren "eht Kool" Bacall. Finally dawn breaks, and you discern Editor Al Pope demanding that you vote for your favorite of the pictures (your favorite being number nine or he'll know the reason why!). So you tell him why.

Everything being relative, you notice an unusual conversation in process back by the Buckeye blower. As you draw closer, naturally, you wonder that two people could be so immodest as to conduct their love affair among all these people.

Ham: Hi ya, Gate.
Goody: Hi ya, Gate.
Ham: Eye hurt?
Goody: Nope.

Well, since you're a happy moron, we'll condescend to explain that over in that corner are Fay—who puts on a good act—Plunkett and Don—the heavy lover—May practicing up for the senior play.

About this time Briggs Baugh crawls back in the window after chasing his homeroom war stamp master sheets. But after a while you get used to Briggs—after a while. He, Pat Shaw, and Margie Crangle are permitted to mingle among the lords of The Shakerite, who do their studying in the office, because they are laboring over the senior assembly. This work so far consists of finding the hidden meanings in Macbeth, which was a tragedy. Besides they've nothing better to do—also a tragedy.

Sitting comfortably at a desk, like a big businessman about to retire, Billy Morris gazes calmly over the ever bewildering scene. Another relaxed personage is Leonard—no not the baseball player—Soloway. But he is always able to make exactly the undesired and why-didn't-you-think-of-it-first remark.

Tearing in, and you'd better move 'cause he won't, is Earl Greenspun. The big news? "Pope, you just gotta change the date of the next issue. Big sports event coming up." Al's "no" is expressive. The argument that ensues takes several prominent coaches apart. Finally, Schoen wins.

And maybe you can catch me in the act of finagling a major portion of Al's lunch for myself. Al—that boy will never learn, thank heaven—devours his lunch last period. It's delicious!

Once in a great while some members of the famed "Women Haters Club" drop in for their lessons on cabinet climbing to tell time. A. R. Pope is a dandy teacher.

And thanks for the memory
Of copy overdue
Carrots in the glue
You may have been
A headache but
You never were a bore.
So thank you so much.

Come On, Shaker!

By Bill Thompson

In the Neetnac, we have a new opportunity to develop leadership, cooperation, and responsibility. These are the qualities governing the choice of shift chairmen, who are charged with the responsibility of seeing that their shift is fully manned, and that everyone on their shift knows when to be there, what to do, and how to do it. Then too, each individual member has the responsibility of serving on his appointed shift and sticking to the job. When your shift comes up, make it a point to be there and to do a good job.

A great deal of money has been spent in order that we might have the canteen—money given by people who have an interest in the future of the youth of Shaker. If we are going to keep all that expense from going to waste, we will have to take good care of the room. This involves putting wastepaper in the wastepaper baskets, keeping hands off the wall and feet off the furniture, and taking good care of the table games.

This Neetnac is not just a passing fad. It has proven its worth, and as long as we can cooperate to make it a success, it's going to be one of the best parts of high school life. The Neetnac is swiftly becoming an institution at Shaker—let's all pitch in and keep it here.

Left-Overs

By Briggs Baugh

For this last issue of the Shakerite, this column will be devoted to telling where the 12A boys will go and what they will do after graduation.

Ted Wood, Sam Kahn, Jack Webster, Stan Moat, and Bill Morris have already been accepted for Radar for sure, while Bill Thompson doesn't know at this time.

Bill Griffith, Mike McGean, and Dean Cameron leave to start at Dartmouth in July. Rod Scherr and Dave Marsh are going to Case, Don May to Wooster, and Earl Greenspun, Hubert Lindsay, and Holly Broadbent to Western Reserve.

Tom Peter and Al Wells, if they haven't left yet, will be leaving soon for the Navy, while Bill Howe and Stan Meisel plan to enlist as Uncle Sam's Bluejackets.

Ford Miskell will be at M. I. T., Bob Cole at Yale, and Ted Clark at Kenyon if the Army doesn't get him first.

News From Camps and Campuses

By Roberta Good

Talk about your great financial powers, here's something. **Shirley Sprague,** of Buzz by Shuz, this little scandal sheet's used-to-was dirt column, has been elected next year's treasurer of the Women's Student Government Association, the highest office that can be held by a sophomore woman. Congrats!

The **Brodie** brothers sure are getting around these days. **Jim,** who holds the D. F. C. and the Air Medal with a couple of oak-leaf clusters thrown in for good luck, participated in the Iwo Jima attack. **Bob** is in charge of the Sonar department at the U. S. C. G. Academy; and **George** is in charge of a radar maintenance unit in Belgium. That kinda leaves Brodies all over the map, doesn't it?

It took Reserve to teach **John Gluck** really all about Shakers. But he's learning a relatively easy way; he played the part of a Shaker in the play "More Love, Brother," a story of the early residents of what is now our fair city. Some fun!

Congrats to **Vic Dorer,** who has been awarded a scholarship to Case on the basis of tests taken there.

Johnny Sedlak, always one to make the most of a good thing, has this time gone and got himself a long-barrelled German pistol with a lovely long name that no one can read, much less pronounce. Nice one!

Our Philippines correspondent, **Clyde Patterson,** informs us that out there the people indulge in Sunday afternoon cock-fights just like the horse-racing (is he kidding?) at home—big bets 'n everything. Here's hoping this pleasing little pastime doesn't suffer a similar fate.

Old Faithful **Don Mitchell** has this time been to some native feasts, at which—wouldn't you know it—there were only two sailors; all the rest were natives. It seems they served the food in banana leaves yet. What an idea for all the long suffering dishwashers around this establishment.

What with ex-Shakerites plastered all over the world right now, it's not surprising to hear that **Tom Watson** ran into **Bill Winslow** somewhere in France.

From **Jim Baker** we hear the earth-shocking message "hello" to all his friends here in Shaker and elsewhere.

The **Opatrny** brothers are also seeing the world via the military. While **Don** is at Radio Technician school in Chicago, **Frank** is with the 76th Engineers in Patton's army across the Rhine.

Seeing the blue waters of the Pacific from all positions and angles is **Merle Kinstle** of the Merchant Marine, who has just completed three months of cruising around in his brand-new tanker. Incidentally, his sole comment on his B. T. was, quote: The courses weren't so very hard, but there sure were lots of them and all the instructors always made sure that you had plenty to do, end quote. And just what does that sound like? Three guesses.

Al Roberts, now on a ship somewhere in the South Pacific, writes that this business about native hula gals and stuff is the bunk, because all the islands he's been on are strictly military outposts. As a result, he's beginning to think he's in the wrong ocean. May we suggest a Sears-Roebuck catalog? They seem to carry just about everything else!

Although we realize the Shaker gals are ruthless wolfesses, we appeal to them to leave some of these homecoming flyers in one piece. An example of this mistreated (?) species is **Carl Huntley,** home a few weeks ago from India and the hump. We know he's cute, kids, but after all!

Kay Mayers, we hear by the grapevine, has been made editor-in-chief of the Archive, the monthly magazine at Duke.

Andydotes

By Andy

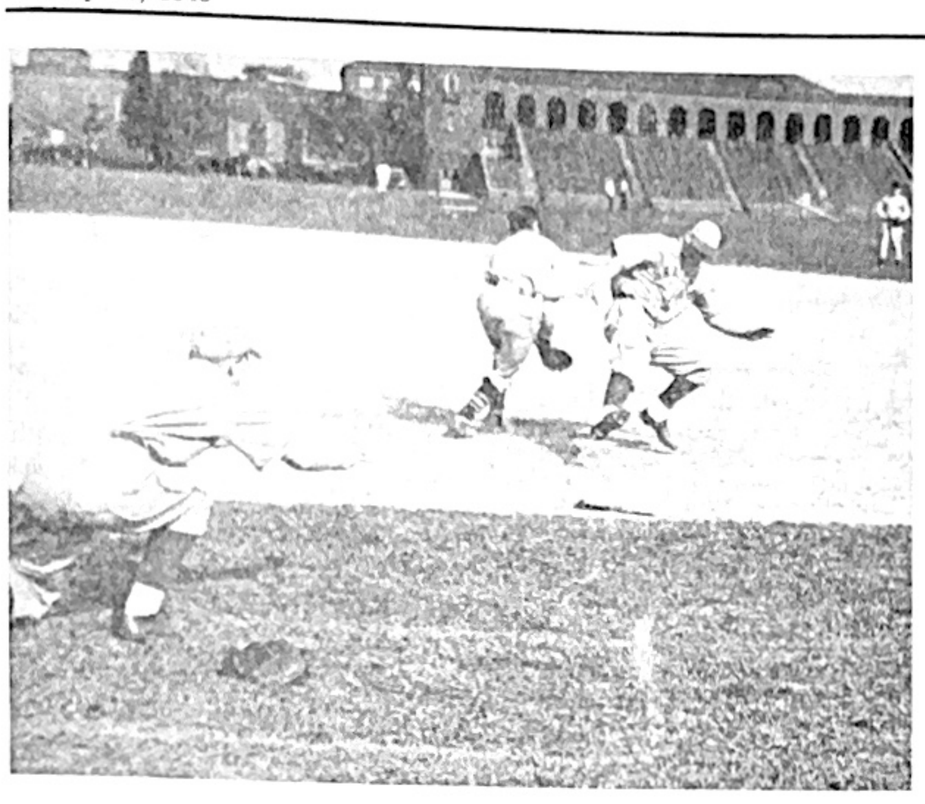
After gazing into the crystal ball, we discovered the futures of many of the present 12A girls. Among those who are going to be educated in the old home town are Alyce Troxell and Ernie Congleton—they've chosen Flora Stone Mather.

Betty Baumgartner is debating between Ohio Wesleyan and De Paw, while Barby McGuire and Mary Hosford have decided on Middlebury.

Marymount has been picked by Pat Wise, and Hood by Altha Patterson. Shaker will be well represented at Miami by Molly Schleicher, Judy Sperry, Meredith Burchett, Emmy Lou Baeckler, and Gay Draper.

It's Virginia Intermont for Charlia Jack, Pat Taylor, and Janice Vorhees. Among those who are going eastward bound will be: Martha Laidley at Vassar, Peggy Williams at Briarcliffe, Caroline Bruner at Skidmore, Betty McAdam at Radcliffe, Sally Berger at Connecticut, Jane Church at Simmons, Joanie King at Wells, Marcia MacClellan at Colby, and Kay Blau at Swarthmore. Did they miss **any** college?

Martha Chave is going to both Principal **and** the Chicago Musical College—such ambition! Jean Fox wil be slaving (?) at Allegheny, while Doris Priode does likewise at Ohio State. If you should happen to hit Ann Arbor, drop in and see Ginny Miller and Nancy Thomas at good old Michigan U.



Credit to Roderick

Buddy Kahn, hard-hitting center fielder, slides back safely into first base in a bit of action in the Heights-Shaker game.

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Raider Nine Hits the Road as Heights, W. R. A. Battles Loom

Shaker's varsity nine will be out to wallop W. R. A. tomorrow at Hudson and next Tuesday Coach Schoen will take his boys to Heights to see if they can lick that Tiger.

Shaker got off slowly, dropping their first two league games to U. S. 8-1 and Collinwood 9-5 but the team looked very good against South, beating them in an exhibition game 9-0 With a little more experience they should be able to hold their own against any team in the league.

The bright spot of the team so far is the hitting and fielding of Johnny Faragher. Johnny slammed out three hits against Collinwood and made a brilliant put-out from deep short. The other fellows who have been hitting hard are Jerry Cook, Jim Jones, Sam Kahn, and Lenny Lewis.

Graduation Takes 25 Monogram Winners

When June rolls around and the senior class leaves for ivy-covered walls or Uncle Sam's uniforms, Shaker's athletic teams will lose some 25 lettermen in all sports.

The football team will lose linemen Tom Peter, Jeff Mealand, and Ed Myer, and backs Adolph Russo, Jay Standish, Dave Collins, Bart Haggard, and Johnny Faragher. Peter is a 3-year man, and Russo and Myer 2-year men.

Coach Schoen's basketball team will be let off comparatively easily, losing only Marsh Hess and Johnny Faragher. The track team isn't so lucky. Hurdler Russo, 440 man Standish, high jumpers Olly Emerson and Faragher, pole vaulter Al Wells, shot-putter Ted Hess, and discus tosser Collins will leave for parts unknown. Emerson last year was Lake Erie League Champ and placed in the state meet, and this year cracked the class B record with a mark of 6 feet ¼ inch.

Swimmers Lose Gorman and Lathe

The swimming team, second in the city and third in the state, says goodbye to 3-year lettermen Jerry Gorman and Ade Lathe, 2-year men Colton and Miskell, and Ken Strauss, Bill Thompson, and Bob Dunlap. Lathe is State champ in the 100-yard freestyle, and Gorman city champ in the 200-yard freestyle.

Next season the wrestling team will be minus its captain Bob Goodman, a three-year letterman, Holly Broadbent, a 2-year man, and Ed Falcovitch and Stan Moat, 1-year winners. Goodman was undefeated this season and took second in the city meet.

Outstanding among these S-men is Johnny Faragher. Johnny was voted tops in athletic ability in last month's Composite Shakerite poll. Following in his brother Jim's footsteps, he won letters in football and basketball, and at the rate he's going he'll add baseball and track to the list.

Coach Schoen has been greatly handicapped because he has not been able to use Dave Collins as successfully as he had hoped. Dave hurt his arm while he was out for track and it has taken a long time to heal, but as soon as he's ready to pitch Shaker should hit its stride. In the meantime Skip Rosser and Phil Dawson have been putting in a capable job.

Other first stringers who have been playing very well are right fielder Homer Guren, Second baseman Jerry Galvin and Suds Bissell at first.

Records Through the U. S. Game

Name	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Lewis	12	2	3	6	1	1
Cook	13	2	5	29	3	1
Kahn	12	3	4	3	1	0
Faragher	12	3	3	9	15	3
Guren	6	0	1	1	0	0
Jones	13	1	6	4	7	6
Galvin	9	2	2	7	3	1
Rayden	4	0	0	1	2	1
Bissell	8	0	1	25	0	3
Combs	5	2	3	1	0	0
Schultz	2	0	0	2	2	0
Fotheringham	2	0	0	0	0	1
Myer	4	0	0	11	0	0

	IP	BB	SO	W	L
Rosser	17 1/3	11	14	1	0
Dawson	18 1/3	13	7	0	3

Netters Top Shaw

Shaker's netters opened the defense of their Lake Erie crown with a three to two victory over Shaw, on May 3, after they had topped Benedictine four to one for a warm-up. The results of the Shaw meet are as follows:

1st singles — Gary Colton, 6-8, 6-0, 6-3.

2nd singles—Marshall Hess, 6-4, 6-4.

3rd singles—Ken Strauss, 0-6, 1-6.

1st doubles—Dean Cameron and Ford Miskell, 1-6, 2-6.

2nd doubles — Ray Silver and Mike McGean, 6-0, 6-1.

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Gym Classes Present Program for Parents

On Monday night, May 7, Coach Howard Moritz, with the help of Coaches Schoen and Lee and Mrs. Grant Apthorp, put on a gym exhibition for the parents of Shaker students. The performance was the highlight of the physical education year, for all the classes participated with simultaneous performances in the boys' gym, girls' gym, and swimming pool.

The boys began the evening with a demonstration of the obstacle course from seven to seven-thirty. Then the first period class participated in a volleyball game (they certainly had a hard time preparing for that!) This was following by demonstrations of calisthenics, fundamentals of basketball and baseball, and the tossing of Carl Himmelman fifteen feet into the air to land on a fireman's canvas.

Tumbling Is Highlight

The highlight of the evening, according to Coach Moritz, was the tumbling presented by the fourth period class. Among the participants were: Al Samas, Ernie Samas, Dave Marsh, Bob Studeny, Don May, Don Gelb, Earl Greenspun, Al Pope, John Bonnar, Bob Curtis, and Ray Silver. Later events were under three general classifications: relays, combat activities, and a game of bombardment.

Following was the girls' program: (1) Marching and Calisthenics with Anne Schleuniger and Martha Chave as leaders; (2) tumbling with Nancy Bretschneider as leader; (3) basketball with Yvette Herot as referee; (4) volleyball with Pearl Jordan as referee, and (5) badminton.

The exhibition was one of the most successful in Shaker's history as a large crowd of parents came in spite of bad weather. Teacher conferences were held simultaneously.

Hilltop Victory Primes Runners For District Battle Tomorrow

"Faster than the speed of light," is a term which we might well apply to Shaker's amazing track team under the coaching of George Lee. In spite of the cold weather that mother nature cooked up as a handicap, the Red Raiders donned their "golden slippers" to nail their 4th Hilltop Track Meet in a row at University School on Friday, April 27th. Bagging 9 of the 14 first places, Shaker piled up 77 points to Cleveland Heights' 42 and U. S.'s 31. Frank Sarka was high point man for Shaker, taking firsts in both dashes, third in the broad jump, and running on the winning 880-yard relay team. Bamberger in the 880-yard, Meadow in the mile, Emerson in the high jump, Wells in the pole vault, Faragher in the discuss, and the 880-yard and mile relays accounted for Shaker's other firsts. The team, without the assistance of Russo and Standish, ran very well. Exceptionally good were Bamberger's race, and Dave Clyde's quarter in the winning relay.

District Meet Tomorrow

The next test for the high-stepping Shaker team will be the District Meet, which takes place on May 19 at Edison. East Tech, the perennial winner, is favored as usual, but a close race is expected for second place. Shaker's hopes are placed on Oliver (legs) Emerson in the high jump, Ed Meadow in the mile, Frank Sarka in the dashes, and Ted Bamberger in the 880-yard. If you remember, last year Latin nosed out Shaker for second place, so this year Mr. Lee and the boys hope to avenge themselves. All the schools on the East side will be represented in the district meet.

Warming up for the District meet, the Shaker "flyers" on May 1 severely trounced Shaw, by the score of 72 to 46. This was Shaker's 22nd straight triumph in dual and triangular meets. It is believed that the same boys who ran in the Hilltop Meet will participate in the District Meet, with the exception of Jay Standish and Russo, who may run.

By Earl Greenspun

For a Review of the Season

With only the district and state meets remaining on the track schedule and the baseball nine entering the last half of its campaign, the 1944-45 sports season is coming to a close. A review of the different team records brings one to the conclusion that Shaker has had an outstanding year of sports. In five of seven varsity sports winning teams brought victories home consistently and a sixth one may still come through.

Footballers Lick Heights

The football squad, which was marked by one of the outstanding lines in the city, was decisively beaten only by Lakewood and Lorain. Conquests of Heights, U. S., and Elyria were gratifying to victory-hungry fans, who had their most joyous moment at Heights when Bart Haggard went twenty yards through the Tiger line to give the Raiders a 12-6 win.

In October our tennis boys took Shaw, 3-2, for the Lake Erie crown and an undefeated season, and the wrestlers took eight of ten dual meets during the winter.

Swimmers Also Win L. E. L. Glory

Coach Lee's swimming team certainly put Shaker on the map with a third in the state meet and a first in the Lake Erie swim. I think that the tensest afternoon of the season was the one at U. S. on which Shaker went down to defeat before what probably was the strongest team in Ohio.

The basketball five was the disappointment of the year, probably because its predecessor was so outstanding. Coach Schoen had a green team to work with and, although it flashed brilliance at times (for example, the first half of the 43-22 win over Lorain), it never really got going.

Spring Sports Wind Up Season

As we go to press the track squad's still rolling along with twenty-some consecutive dual and triangular wins. Ever since April when they soundly trounced Latin in what was expected to be the toughest meet of the year, the cindermen have had confidence in their ability to carry on Shaker's tradition of a strong track squad.

Baseball is certainly the most unique feature of 1945 sports. As the paper goes to press it is too early to tell whether the squad is a winning one or not, but its popularity with the students is definitely established.

Curvacious Capers

By Nancy Hess

Because of their outstanding performance in the Sportsmen's Show, the Sharcs Club has been invited to give exhibitions at the Cleveland Club and Baldwin-Wallace, which proves that we're not prejudiced in thinking they were wonderful!

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At the P.-T. A. Open House, May 7, they gave the same formation for the parents. The gym classes exhibited the marching, volleyball, calisthenics, tumbling, and badminton they learn in gym class.

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The Leader's Club nominating committee includes on its slate of possible officers the following names: Norma Perryman and Joan Patin for president, Ann Schleuinger for vice-president, Thelma Wingert for secretary, Ardis French for treasurer.

Other candidates may be nominated from the floor at the time of elections, which will be held on May 23.

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Something new has been added to: the girls' after school sports program. Intramural water polo is now offered on Tuesday nights. With Sharcs on Monday, water-polo on Tuesday, baseball on Wednesday, and junior instructors on Thursday, the physical education department really has a busy schedule.

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Was Carol Osborne's face RED when, after begging off swimming for a whole period to look for the "lost" strap to a borrowed bathing cap, she discovered a lump in her bathing suit and therein found the lost strap.

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Betty and Bunny Pribble carried off the badminton doubles championship. Dorothy Hyduke and Bunny Pribble were the singles finalists, with Dorothy taking the singles championship.

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A joint Shaker-Heights picnic was planned by the swimming clubs of those schools to "promote good feeling," according to Miss Burke.

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That Is All

As I close this column for the last time I leave you with the sage words of Mr. French (which don't belong here by any means). Said he, while trying to read two things at once, "Michael Faraday was born in Albany—at the age of fifteen."

Two Assemblies On Docket for May 23

On the morning of May 23, the 12A's will again be the guests of the school at the bi-annual Senior Recognition Day program. Ted Wood, the senior class president, will address the student body, and R. B. Patin will be presented with a gift from the graduating class.

Another feature of the assembly will be the installation of the new school officers by Mr. Patin and the retiring president, Bill Thompson.

Also on the 23rd, although in the afternoon, a special assembly for seniors only is scheduled. It will include satires and takeoffs on life in general as well as some serious acts, all enacted by 12A's. The committee heads for this assembly are Caroline Bruner and Briggs Baugh.

This assembly is the feature attraction of a new mode started this year in senior privileges. Previously, distinctive dress has been the only recognition employed by the graduating class. This year, however, seniors will be privileged to cut all study halls and physical education periods during the last weeks of school.

On the following day, May 24, the band and choir will treat the school to a half hour program directed by Mrs. Carol Evans.

Here's Shaker's New 'Big 6' So Take Care!

To the profound dismay of habitual Honor Study Hall offenders, the Central Committee for the coming two semesters has been selected. Judgment will continue to be passed.

Leaving their Central Committee responsibilities are Holly Broadbent, Central Committee chairman; Zelma Pitt, Central Committee secretary; Jeff Mealand, Doris Priode, Tom Peter, and Pat Shaw, all Central Committee members.

The "Big Six," prosecuting for the 1945-46 school year under the "bailiffing" of Miss Pauline Sellers, consists of Jane Casey, Al Littman, Verna Hempy, John Richardson, Jenny Lou Craig, and Jim Smith.

So, gentlemen, don't be tempted to hurl those paperwads just because the present Central Committee is graduating. Justice prevails.

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Casey Chosen Queen as Spring Again Turns Shaker's Fancy to Junior Prom

Once again when Spring arrived (?) young Shaker's fancy turned to thoughts of the Junior Prom, the affair that is always so eagerly awaited by all Shakerites. The Junior Class, under Social Chairman Jane Casey, had worked long and hard to make this year's Prom the best Shaker ever had and, from all indications, May 11 really was a night to remember!

That happy and colorful spirit of Maytime was the keynote of the dance, and the Girls' Gym was gaily decorated with flowers so as to carry out this theme. A highlight of the Prom was the traditional crowning of the Junior Queen.

Entertainment was furnished by Shaker's Frankie Carle, Dick Felber, and that famous quartet-oops, we mean trio—The Maple City Three, playing a return engagement by popular demand! Music was supplied by Larry Robinson's band, which is well-known. Just in case anyone got hungry or thirsty from so much dancing, refreshments consisting of doughnuts and pop were sold.

Any way you look at it, this year's Junior Prom was a wonderful affair. The dance was for everyone and merely sponsored by the Junior Class. Tickets were sold from May 7 on, but all 11A's were admitted free.

The highlight of the evening was the crowning of the queen at 10:45 p. m. Jane Casey was chosen queen as the result of a poll by the 11A's. When Jane was presented with the crown she was attended by Mary Lou Hollon and Joanne Hunt.

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Pope Will Again Head Shakerite

The Shakerite editorial staff will undergo several replacements and promotions in the coming year, for a number of new members have been appointed to succeed the graduating seniors. Although the position of editor-in-chief still remains in the capable hands of Al Pope, Leonard Soloway is elevated to news editor, replacing Fay Plunkett, while Herbert Erf takes on the job of city editor. Lois Anderson and Roberta Good become the literary and feature editors, replacing Barbara McGuire; Jim Wolf will replace Earl Greenspun as Sports Editor.

Beverly Rich will be the new alumni editor, and David Sachs, the photographic editor.

As yet, no one has been named to succeed Bill Morris as business manager.

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Senior Shindig Shines June 1

"Rent-a-Tux," shoe stores, flower shops, beauty salons, and dress shops will probably be buzzing with business about the first of June. You see, the night of June 1, to be exact at nine o'clock, the biggest event in a senior's school life begins. This is the Senior Prom!

War will restrict their having two-inch steaks, unlimited amounts of butter, huge pineapple pies, or anything in the form of a dinner, and the curfew will probably restrit the time of the playing of "Auld Lang Syne." But certainly the spirits of the collegians-to-be will not be curtailed in any way. The King and Queen will lead the promenade, and add to the "oomph" of the dance.

The Canterbury Country Club will be the fortunate host to our eminent seniors. Gene Beecher's ten-piece orchestra, with their strummin', drummin', and tootin', will tickle the "jiving bones" of the teensters.

"Poor Richard's Almanac" has been consulted, and the seniors may rest assured that the weather will be perfect so that the orchestra can play on the terrace near the swimming pool.

Spring Open House Draws Large Crowd

On Friday night, April 27, the doors of Shaker were once again thrown open in the annual spring open house.

The main feature of the evening was the piano contest with Ollie Emerson as master-of-ceremonies. Those who played everything from "Laura" to boogie were Herb Lockwood, Vincent Oliverio, Bill Thompson, Lawrence Lichtig, Dick Roebuck, Al Pope, and the teams of Woody and Mericka, and Morris and Felber. Vince Oliverio captured first prize, while Roebuck and Pope took second and third respectively. Honorable mention went to the team of Bill Morris and Dick Felber, who brought down the house with their boogie duets.

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